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Utah.gov Introduces Online Uniform Commercial Code Certified Searches

SALT LAKE CITY – February 13, 2003 – Businesses now have quicker, less expensive, and more convenient access to Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) debt histories – thanks to a new online service provided by the Utah Department of Commerce. UCC certified searches join more than 30 interactive government services now available to businesses at www.Utah.gov, Utah's official Web site. The new UCC certified search service was built and is managed by Utah Interactive, a wholly owned subsidiary of eGovernment firm NIC (Nasdaq: EGOV).

Certified UCC searches provide debt histories and histories of liens on collateral that financial institutions use to make lending decisions. Certified UCC searches are also used by the legal community to establish priority for bankruptcy proceedings.

The online service has reduced processing time by several days. Before the online system was introduced, a citizen was required to complete a paper request form, submit it to the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code via mail or in person, and then wait for up to seven business days to receive a UCC certified search response. With the new UCC certified search service, requests are processed in less than five minutes and results can be printed directly from the online system.

The UCC certified search service is also saving money for constituents. By using the online system instead of submitting a paper request, citizens and businesses can save \$2.00 on each search. The UCC certified search system is available to Utah.gov subscribers with a valid account username and password, and all fees are billed each month to subscribers.

"We wanted to provide an incentive to users to go online, instead of waiting in line, to receive their UCC certified search results," commented Kathy Berg, Director of the Division of Corporations and

Commercial Code. “We are excited to add certified searches to our other UCC services available online, including filing and basic searches.”

“Governor Leavitt has committed us to use technology to make state government services and information accessible to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year,” said Ted Boyer, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Commerce.

“Businesses across Utah want to spend less time waiting in line at government offices, and we are pleased to add Uniform Commercial Code certified searches to Utah.gov’s growing suite of eGovernment services,” said Val Oveson, Chief Information Officer for the state of Utah.

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